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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, to open on LB 319.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. LB 319 relates to tax deed notification, and the purpose is to change the procedure of serving notice to those who own and occupy real property when another lienholder, or investor in many cases, has paid the property tax. LB 319 mandates that certified mail, return receipt requested, be used to notify the owner at the address where the property tax statement was mailed. Current statute is a little vague in terms of requiring that the notice be given in a certain manner, and this helps clarify that. And I would defer to the committee Chair for the committee amendments. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Connealy, I understand you're going to do the committee amendments? You may open on them.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. As Senator Smith alluded, the committee amendments specify that certified mail must be return receipt requested. It would restrict the service to the notice of the record owner, not just occupant. Sometimes this...these go to a building and the tenant will get it and not act on it. And we also specify that the certified mail goes to where the tax statement is delivered now, not necessarily to the property itself. If it's a rental property, it goes to where the county already sends the tax statement

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments to LB 319. Open for discussion. Seeing no discussion, Senator Connealy, do you wish to close? He waives the opportunity to close. The question for the body is adoption of the committee amendments to LB 319. All in favor of the motion vote aye, and opposed nay. We've voting on the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 319, offered by the Revenue Committee. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.